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Sponsored by: Senator RICHARD J. CODEY District 27 (Essex and Morris)

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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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AN ACT appropriating moneys to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of making zero interest loans or principal forgiveness loans to project sponsors to finance a portion of the costs of environmental infrastructure projects.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 1. a. (1) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2009, c.77, an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2019 capitalization grant made available to the State for clean water project loans pursuant to the "Water Quality Act of 1987" (33 U.S.C. s.1251 et seq.), and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the "Federal Clean Water Act").
- (2) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Interim Environmental Financing Program Fund" created and established by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9) such amounts as may be necessary to supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- (3) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Disaster Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund" created and established by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5) such amounts as may be necessary to supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- (4) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund" established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1998, c.84 an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2019 capitalization grant made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the "Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996," Pub.L.104-182, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the "Federal Safe Drinking Water Act").
- The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking

Water Act to meet present and future needs for the financing of eligible drinking water projects, and an amount equal to that maximum amount is hereby appropriated to the department for those purposes.

The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to transfer from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act to meet present and future needs for the financing of eligible clean water projects, and an amount equal to that maximum amount is hereby appropriated to the department for those purposes.

Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to utilize funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and may charge interest on loans made with such invested funds to the extent permitted by the Federal Clean Water Act and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

- (5) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unappropriated balances from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including the balances from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as available on or before June 30, 2020, as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- (6) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unappropriated balances from the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" established pursuant to section 15 of the "Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985" (P.L.1985, c.329), and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as available on or before June 30, 2020, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- (7) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unappropriated balances from the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund" established pursuant to section 27 of the "Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992" (P.L.1992, c.88), and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as available on or before June 30, 2020, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- (8) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unappropriated balances from the "2003 Water

- 1 Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund" established pursuant to
- 2 subsection a. of section 19 of the "Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood
- 3 Control, Water Resources, and Wastewater Treatment Project Bond
- 4 Act of 2003" (P.L.2003, c.162), and any repayments of loans and
- 5 interest therefrom, as available on or before June 30, 2020, for the
- 6 purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match
- 7 as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization
- 8 grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant
- 9 to the Federal Clean Water Act.

- (9) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unappropriated balances from the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" established pursuant to section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985" (P.L.1985, c.302), and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as available on or before June 30, 2020, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- (10) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unappropriated balances from the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," established pursuant to the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989" (P.L.1989, c.181), and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as available on or before June 30, 2020, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- (11) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unappropriated balances from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, including the balances from the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, for the purposes of drinking water project loans and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, that are or may become available on or before June 30, 2020.
- (12) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection such sums as may be needed from loan repayments and interest earnings from the "Water Supply Fund" established pursuant to section 14 of the "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981" (P.L.1981, c.261) for the "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Match Accounts" contained within that fund for the purpose of providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

1 (13) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental 2 Protection from the "Interim Environmental Financing Program 3 Fund" created and established by the New Jersey Infrastructure 4 Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 5 (C.58:11B-9) such amounts as may be or become available on or 6 before June 30, 2020, and any repayments of loans and interest 7 therefrom, as may be necessary to supplement the sums 8 appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the 9 purposes of drinking water project loans and providing the State 10 match as required or will be required for the award of the 11 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water 12 projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

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- (14) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Disaster Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund" created and established by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5) such amounts as may be necessary to supplement the sums appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of drinking water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
- (15) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection such sums as may be received by the Department of Community Affairs as the grantee from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), as anticipated and upon availability on or before June 30, 2020, for the purposes of CDBG-DR eligible clean water and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, respectively.
- (16) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection such sums as may be or become available on or before June 30, 2020, as repayments of drinking water project loans and any interest therefrom from the "Water Supply Fund" established pursuant to section 14 of the "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981" (P.L.1981, c.261) for the purposes of drinking water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
- (17) Of the sums appropriated to the Department of 46 Environmental Protection from the "Water Supply Fund" pursuant to P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70 and P.L.2003, 48 c.158, the department is authorized to transfer any unexpended

1 balances and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom as may

2 be or become available on or before June 30, 2020, in such amounts

as needed to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund accounts

4 contained within the Water Supply Fund established for the

5 purposes of providing drinking water project loans and providing

6 the State match as required or will be required for the award of the

7 capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water

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- 9 sums appropriated to the Department of (18) Of the 10 Environmental Protection from the "1992 Wastewater Treatment 11 Fund" pursuant to P.L.1996, c.85, P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, 12 P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, P.L.2001, c.222 and P.L.2002, 13 c.70, the department is authorized to transfer any unexpended 14 balances and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom as may 15 be or become available on or before June 30, 2020, in such amounts 16 as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund accounts 17 contained within the 1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund for the 18 purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing the 19 State match as required or will be required for the award of the 20 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
 - (19) Of the sums appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to P.L.2004, c.109, and P.L.2007, c.139, the department is authorized to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom as may be or become available on or before June 30, 2020, in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund accounts contained within the 2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund for the purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing the State match as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.
- 35 (20) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the sums deposited by the New Jersey Infrastructure 36 37 Bank into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the 38 39 "Water Supply Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined 40 Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," established pursuant to the 41 "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow 42 Abatement Bond Act of 1989" (P.L.1989, c.181), the "2003 Water 43 Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund" and the Drinking 44 Water State Revolving Fund, as appropriate, pursuant to paragraph 45 (6) of subsection c. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 3819 of 2019 and Assembly Bill No. 46 47 5456 of 2019), as available on or before June 30, 2020, for the 48 purposes of providing clean water project loans and drinking water 49 project loans and providing the State match as required or will be

required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Any such amounts shall be for the purpose of making zero interest and principal forgiveness financing loans, to the extent sufficient funds are available, to or on behalf of local government units or public water utilities (hereinafter referred to as "project sponsors") to finance a portion of the cost of construction of clean water projects and drinking water projects listed in sections 2 and 3 of this act, and for the purpose of implementing and administering the provisions of this act, to the extent permitted by the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, P.L.2009, c.77, the "Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985" (P.L.1985, c.329), the "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981" (P.L.1981, c.261), the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989" (P.L.1989, c.181), the "Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992" (P.L.1992, c.88), the "Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003" (P.L.2003, c.162), the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, and State law.

b. The department is authorized to make zero interest and principal forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 and subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, to the extent there are sufficient eligible project applications, and except that any such amounts may be reduced if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 or 5 of this act, or by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, provided:

- (1) a maximum of \$3 million, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2019 for Barnegat Bay Watershed projects, in principal forgiveness loans shall be issued to finance Barnegat Bay Watershed environmental infrastructure projects as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act, wherein principal forgiveness shall be a minimum of 25 percent of the fund loan amount per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$2 million of principal forgiveness per project sponsor;
- (2) a maximum of \$10 million, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2019 for combined sewer overflow projects, in principal forgiveness loans shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in combined sewer overflow sewersheds sponsoring construction projects that reduce or eliminate discharges from

1 combined sewer overflow outfalls, wherein principal forgiveness 2 loans shall not exceed \$1 million per borrower subject to the 3 availability of funds, and wherein 50 percent of the principal of the 4 fund loan shall be forgiven, 25 percent of the loan shall be a zero 5 interest rate fund loan, and 25 percent of the loan shall be a trust 6 market rate loan. For project costs greater than \$2 million up to and 7 including \$10 million, 75 percent of the loan shall be a zero interest 8 rate fund loan and 25 percent of the loan shall be a trust market rate 9 loan. For project costs greater than \$10 million, 50 percent of the 10 loan shall be a zero interest rate fund loan and 50 percent of the 11 loan shall be a trust market rate loan;

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- (3) a maximum of \$12 million, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2019 for combined sewer overflow projects, in principal forgiveness loans shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for combined sewer overflow abatement projects that treat stormwater runoff through infiltration into subsoil or filtration by vegetation or soil, or store stormwater runoff for later reuse, wherein principal forgiveness loans shall not exceed \$3 million per borrower subject to the availability of funds, and wherein 50 percent of the principal of the fund loan shall be forgiven, 25 percent of the loan shall be a zero interest rate fund loan, and 25 percent of the loan shall be a trust market rate loan subject to the availability of funds. For project costs greater than \$6 million up to and including \$10 million, 75 percent of the loan shall be a zero interest rate fund loan and 25 percent of the loan shall be a trust market rate loan. For project costs greater than \$10 million, 50 percent of the loan shall be a zero interest rate fund loan and 50 percent of the loan shall be a trust market rate loan;
- (4) to the extent funds are available, a maximum of \$1.5 million in principal forgiveness loans shall be issued to finance clean water environmental infrastructure projects as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents for the development of asset management plans wherein principal forgiveness shall be 100 percent of the fund loan amount per project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per project sponsor subject to the availability of funds; and
- (5) those projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 of this act and subsection a. of section 3 of this act that were previously identified in P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, are granted continued priority status and shall be subject to the provisions of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, provided such projects receive short-term funding prior to June 30, 2019.
- c. The department is authorized to make zero interest and principal forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water projects, up

to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, provided:

- (1) a maximum of 30 percent of the 2019 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grant not to exceed \$5 million may be issued as provided in subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water systems, as follows:
- (a) up to \$4 million of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans shall be available for drinking water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents wherein principal forgiveness shall not exceed \$500,000 in the aggregate and shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$1 million per project sponsor.

Loans for drinking water systems serving 500 or fewer residents shall be given the highest priority, followed by systems serving between 501 to 10,000 residents;

- (b) a maximum of \$1.5 million in principal forgiveness loans shall be issued to drinking water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents for the development of asset management plans wherein principal forgiveness shall be 100 percent of the fund loan amount per project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per project sponsor subject to the availability of funds; and
- (c) a maximum of \$30 million of principal forgiveness for drinking water systems serving communities with a weighted median household income less than the median household income for the county in which they are located for lead line replacement wherein principal forgiveness shall not exceed 90 percent of the total fund loan amount of: \$1 million per water system for systems serving populations of less than 10,000, \$5 million per water system for systems serving populations of between 10,000 and 100,000, and \$10 million per water system for systems serving populations greater than 100,000.

Loans may be made pursuant to this subsection to the extent there are sufficient eligible project applications and as required or will be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Any such amounts may be reduced by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 or 5 of this act.

- (2) Those projects listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act and subsection b. of section 3 of this act that were previously identified in P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, are granted continued priority status and shall be subject to the provisions of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, provided such projects receive short-term funding prior to June 30, 2019.
- d. The department is authorized to make zero interest and principal forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project

1 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in 2 sections 2 and 3 of this act under the same terms, conditions and 3 requirements as set forth in this section from any unexpended 4 balances of the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 1 of 5 P.L.1987, c.200, section 2 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 1 of 6 P.L.1989, c.189, section 1 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 1 of P.L.1991, 7 c.325, section 1 of P.L.1992, c.38, section 1 of P.L.1993, c.193, 8 section 1 of P.L.1994, c.106, section 1 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 1 9 of P.L.1996, c.85, section 1 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 2 of 10 P.L.1998, c.84, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 2 of P.L.2000, c.92, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2001, c.222, sections 1 and 2 of 11 12 P.L.2002, c.70, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2003, c.158, sections 1 and 13 2 of P.L.2004, c.109, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2005, c.196, sections 1 14 and 2 of P.L.2006, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2007, c.139, 15 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2008, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, 16 c.102, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2010, c.63, sections 1 and 2 of 17 P.L.2011, c.93, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2012, c.43, sections 1 and 2 18 of P.L.2013, c.95, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2014, c.25, sections 1 and 19 2 of P.L.2015, c.108, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2016, c.32, as 20 amended by P.L.2017, c.14, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2017, c.143, as 21 amended by P.L.2017, c.326, and sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2018, 22 c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, including 23 amounts resulting from the low bid and final building cost 24 reductions authorized pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1987, c.200, 25 section 7 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 6 of P.L.1989, c.189, section 6 26 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 6 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 6 of 27 P.L.1992, c.38, section 6 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 6 of P.L.1994, 28 c.106, section 6 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 6 of P.L.1996, c.85, 29 section 6 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 7 of P.L.1998, c.84, section 6 30 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 6 of P.L.2000, c.92, section 6 of 31 P.L.2001, c.222, section 6 of P.L.2002, c.70, section 6 of P.L.2003, 32 c.158, section 6 of P.L.2004, c.109, section 6 of P.L.2005, c.196, 33 section 6 of P.L.2006, c.68, section 6 of P.L.2007, c.139, section 6 34 of P.L.2008, c.68, section 7 of P.L.2009, c.102, section 6 of 35 P.L.2010, c.63, section 6 of P.L.2011, c.93, section 6 of P.L.2012, c.43, section 6 of P.L.2013, c.95, section 7 of P.L.2014, c.25, 36 37 section 7 of P.L.2015, c.108, section 7 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended by P.L.2017, c.14, section 7 of P.L.2017, c.143 as 38 39 amended by P.L.2017, c.326, section 7 of P.L.2018, c.85, as 40 amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, and from any 41 repayments of loans and interest from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water 42 43 Supply Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund," and amounts 44 45 deposited therein during State fiscal year 2018 and State fiscal year 46 2019 pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, 47 and section 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, including any Clean Water State 48

- Revolving Fund Accounts contained within the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," and from any repayment of loans and interest from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- The department is authorized to make zero interest and 4 5 principal forgiveness Sandy financing loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors for the Sandy environmental infrastructure projects 6 7 listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water 8 projects, in a manner consistent with the Federal Disaster Relief 9 Appropriations Act, up to the individual amounts indicated, except 10 that any such amount may be reduced by the Commissioner of 11 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this 12 act, provided a maximum of \$300 million shall be provided for 13 14 Sandy financing loans for clean water projects to provide financial 15 assistance to communities affected by the Storm Sandy, and for 16 projects whose purpose is to reduce flood damage risk and vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or 17 18 a natural disaster.
 - f. For the purposes of this act:

"Base financing" means zero interest loans provided by the Department of Environmental Protection from moneys made available for the purposes of this act from any source other than funds received pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, related State matching funds, and interest earned thereon.

"Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act" means the "Disaster Relief Appropriations of 2013" (Pub.L.113-2), and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

"Sandy financing" or "Sandy funding" means grants, zero interest loans or principal forgiveness loans provided by the Department of Environmental Protection from funds made available to the State for clean water projects or clean water project match, pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

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2. a. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the purpose of making supplemental zero interest loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors listed below for the following clean water environmental infrastructure projects:

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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Allowable Loan Amount
North Hudson SA	S340952-19-1	\$525,000	\$700,000
Total projects: 1		\$ 525,000	\$ 700,000

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(2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the difference between the allowable loan amounts required by these

- projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in State fiscal year 2017 and for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the department pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329. The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available, except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this act.
 - (3) The zero interest loans for the projects authorized in this subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act.
 - b. The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to adjust the allowable Department of Environmental Protection loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between 25 percent and 75 percent of the total allowable loan amount, and loan amounts to less than 25 percent to the extent the priority ranking or an insufficiency of funding prevents the department from making the loan.

3. a. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2020 Clean Water Project Eligibility List":

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Camden County MUA	S340640-17	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Rahway Valley SA	S340547-14	\$7,125,000	\$9,500,000
Rahway Valley SA	S340547-15	\$1,941,389	\$2,588,518
Elizabeth City	S340942-19	\$5,775,000	\$7,700,000
North Bergen MUA	S340652-14	\$17,250,000	\$23,000,000
Jersey City MUA	S340928-20	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
Bayshore RSA	S340697-06	\$11,325,000	\$15,100,000
Ocean County UA	S340372-59	\$5,715,000	\$7,620,000
Hoboken City	S340635-07	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-13	\$637,500	\$850,000
Jersey City	S340928-30	\$2,033,250	\$2,711,000
North Hudson SA	S340952-22	\$13,500,000	\$18,000,000

North Hudson SA	S340952-23	\$2,325,000	\$3,100,000
Riverside SA	S340490-01	\$630,000	\$840,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-11	\$4,844,513	\$6,459,351
Passaic Valley SC	S340689-39	\$3,612,000	\$4,816,000
Passaic Valley SC	S340689-30	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Passaic Valley SC	S340689-31	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Passaic Valley SC	S340689-32	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Northwest Bergen County UA	S340700-16	\$3,675,000	\$4,900,000
Jersey City MUA	S340928-28	\$2,025,000	\$2,700,000
Jersey City MUA	S340928-31	\$8,294,700	\$11,059,600
Gloucester City	S340958-08	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Roxbury Township	S340381-07	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Raritan Township MUA	S340485-12	\$3,675,000	\$4,900,000
Stafford Township	S344100-03	\$4,200,000	\$5,600,000
Stony Brook RSA	S340400-10	\$4,275,000	\$5,700,000
Ocean County	S344080-09	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Little Egg Harbor Township	S344060-02	\$3,187,500	\$4,250,000
Ocean County	S344080-10	\$187,500	\$250,000
Ocean County	S344080-11	\$262,500	\$350,000
Rockaway Valley RSA	S340821-07	\$6,150,000	\$8,200,000
Point Pleasant Beach Borough	S344190-02	\$2,250,000	\$3,000,000
Lakewood Township MUA	S340465-03	\$1,080,000	\$1,440,000
Kearny MUA	S340259-07	\$4,875,000	\$6,500,000
Tuckerton Borough	S340034-03	\$1,053,905	\$1,405,206
Montclair Township	S340837-04	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
Middlesex County UA	S340699-13	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000
Atlantic County UA	S340809-24	\$375,000	\$500,000
Rockaway Valley RSA	S340821-06	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Toms River MUA	S340145-06	\$565,650	\$754,200
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Brick Township MUA	S340448-11	\$3,958,723	\$5,278,297
Northwest Bergen County UA	S340700-15	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Northwest Bergen County UA	S340700-18	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Western Monmouth UA	S340128-05	\$5,850,000	\$7,800,000
Old Bridge MUA	S340945-14	\$2,467,500	\$3,290,000
Franklin Township SA	S340839-07	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Montclair Township	S340837-03	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
Ocean Township SA	S340750-13	\$412,500	\$550,000
Ocean Township SA	S340750-14	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Ocean Township SA	S340750-12	\$3,075,000	\$4,100,000
Ocean County UA	S340372-58	\$3,323,250	\$4,431,000
Burlington Township	S340712-16	\$720,000	\$960,000
West Deptford Township	S340947-05	\$1,061,250	\$1,415,000
Middlesex Borough	S340698-02	\$1,926,563	\$2,568,750
Glen Ridge Borough	S340861-03	\$334,386	\$445,848
Glen Ridge Borough	S340861-04	\$1,392,109	\$1,856,145
Bradley Beach Borough	S340472-01	\$2,025,000	\$2,700,000
Long Beach Township	S340023-07	\$3,450,000	\$4,600,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-03	\$3,525,000	\$4,700,000
Atlantic County UA	S340809-28	\$3,075,000	\$4,100,000
Somerset Raritan Valley SA	S340801-08	\$12,375,000	\$16,500,000
Aberdeen Township	S340869-02	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-15	\$1,087,500	\$1,450,000
Paulsboro Borough	S340164-01	\$2,062,500	\$2,750,000
Bradley Beach Borough	S340472-02	\$1,942,538	\$2,590,050
Perth Amboy City	S340435-18	\$1,327,500	\$1,770,000
Manchester Township	S340650-08	\$2,250,000	\$3,000,000
Point Pleasant Beach Borough	S340479-04	\$1,447,500	\$1,930,000

Allentown Borough	S340567-06	\$498,704	\$664,938
Gloucester	S342016-03	\$10,419,930	\$13,893,240
County IA Somerville	S342013-01	\$8,625,000	\$11,500,000
Borough	3342013-01		, ,
Total Projects: 72		\$290,502,860	\$387,337,143

b. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be known and may be cited as the "State Fiscal Year 2020 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List":

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Newark City	0714001-019	\$9,131,250	\$12,175,000
NJ American Water Co., Inc.	1345001-017	\$7,575,000	\$10,100,000
Newark City	0714001-016	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
North Jersey District Water Supply Comm.	1613001-022	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
North Jersey District Water Supply Comm.	1613001-025	\$18,000,000	\$24,000,000
Newark City	0714001-018	\$3,862,500	\$5,150,000
Lakehurst Borough	1513001-002	\$813,475	\$1,084,633
Netcong Borough	1428001-007	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Manchester Township	1518005-002	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Lower Township MUA	0505002-003	\$5,192,555	\$6,923,406
Paulsboro Borough	0814001-003	\$2,100,000	\$2,800,000
North Jersey District Water Supply Comm.	1613001-033	\$3,075,000	\$4,100,000
Netcong Borough	1428001-008	\$825,000	\$1,100,000
Middlesex Water Co.	1225001-028	\$8,400,000	\$11,200,000
Wall Township	1352003-001	\$1,350,000	\$1,800,000
Wall Township	1352003-002	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Clinton Town	1005001-010	\$1,086,140	\$1,448,187
Clinton Town	1005001-011	\$949,355	\$1,265,807

Netcong Borough	1428001-009	\$300,000	\$400,000
Jackson Township MUA	1511001-013	\$15,000,000	\$20,000,000
Berkeley Township MUA	1505004-009	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Jersey City MUA	0906001-015	\$2,691,950	\$3,589,266
Hoboken City	0905001-001	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Jackson Township MUA	1511001-010	\$6,150,000	\$8,200,000
Bellmawr Borough	0404001-006	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Gloucester City	0414001-022	\$900,000	\$1,200,000
Ship Bottom Borough	1528001-002	\$2,812,500	\$3,750,000
Tuckerton Borough	1532002-006	\$1,102,613	\$1,470,150
Long Beach Township	1517001-501	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Long Beach Township	1517001-502	\$8,625,000	\$11,500,000
Moorestown Township	0322001-002	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Brick Township MUA	1506001-009	\$4,446,570	\$5,928,760
Brick Township MUA	1506001-010	\$870,000	\$1,160,000
Stafford Township	1530004-019	\$1,425,000	\$1,900,000
National Park Borough	0812001-004	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
Long Beach Township	1517001-015	\$3,119,401	\$4,159,201
Old Bridge MUA	1209002-013	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Aberdeen Township	1330004-001	\$2,925,000	\$3,900,000
Milltown Borough	1212001-005	\$1,350,000	\$1,800,000
Hightstown Borough	1104001-010	\$1,331,759	\$1,775,678
NJ American Water Co., Inc.	2004002-013	\$12,000,000	\$16,000,000
Jackson Township MUA	1511001-012	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Brick Township MUA	1506001-012	\$4,065,000	\$5,420,000
Hampton Borough	1013001-001	\$1,350,000	\$1,800,000
Total Projects: 44		\$200,250,068	\$267,000,088

c. The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to adjust the allowable Department of Environmental Protection 3

loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between 25 percent and 75 percent of the total allowable loan amount and loan amounts to less than 25 percent to the extent the priority ranking or an insufficiency of funding prevents the department from making the loan.

- 4. Any financing loan made by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:
- a. The Commissioner Environmental Protection has certified that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225 or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto;
- b. A loan for an environmental infrastructure project listed in section 2 or 3 of this act shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the trust issued an interim financing program fund loan for such project or the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2020 financing program in the absence of an interim financing program fund loan.
- c. The estimated Department of Environmental Protection allowable loan amount shall not exceed 75 percent of the total allowable loan amount of the environmental infrastructure facility for projects listed in subsections a. and b. of section 2 of this act, and in subsections a. and b. of section 3 of this act, provided that:
- (1) for clean water project and drinking water project loans to (a) municipalities that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but are subject to State financial supervision and oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), or (b) municipal, county, or regional sewerage authorities, or utilities authorities, that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but where the municipal participant through its service agreement with the authority or utility is under State financial supervision and oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), and the repayment obligation of the authority or utility is secured by the full faith and credit of the participating municipality pursuant to the service agreement, the Department of Environmental Protection allowable loan amount shall be up to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount not to exceed a total of \$10 million for all such loans;
- (2) for clean water and drinking water loans to municipalities receiving funding under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) the Department of Environmental Protection allowable loan amount shall be up to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount; and

- (3) for loans to communities for lead service line replacement, the Department of Environmental Protection allowable loan amount shall be up to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount.
 - d. With the exception of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection c. of this section, the loan shall be conditioned upon approval of a loan from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L., c., (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 3819 of 2019 and Assembly Bill No. 5456 of 2019), prior to June 30, 2020;
 - e. The loan shall be repaid within a period not to exceed 30 years, or 45 years for combined sewer overflow abatement projects, of the making of the loan; and
- f. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act to loans made by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 3819 of 2019 and Assembly Bill No. 5456 of 2019), or to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

- 5. Any Sandy financing loan made by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:
- a. The commissioner has certified that the project is in compliance with the provisions of Title X, Chapter 7 of the Federal "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013" (Pub.L.113-2), and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto;
- b. The commissioner has certified that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225 or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and
- c. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act to loans made by the trust pursuant to P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 3819 of 2019 and Assembly Bill No. 5456 of 2019) prior to June 30, 2020, or to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

6. The eligibility lists and authorization for the making of loans pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2020, and any project sponsor which has not executed and delivered a loan agreement with the department for a loan authorized in this act shall no longer be entitled to that loan.

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1 7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection 2 authorized to reduce or increase the individual amount of loan funds 3 made available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act based upon final or low bid building 4 5 costs defined in and determined in accordance with rules and 6 regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of 7 P.L.1985, c.329, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.362 (C.58:12A-12.2), or 8 section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261, provided that the total loan amount 9 does not exceed the estimated total allowable loan amount. The 10 commissioner is authorized to reduce or increase the individual 11 amount of loan funds made available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act in an amount not to 12 13 exceed 10 percent of the total allowable loan amount based upon 14 additional project costs to comply with the Department of 15 Environmental Protection's guidance for asset management, 16 emergency response, flood protection, and auxiliary power.

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8. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1085, c.302, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1989, c.181, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225 or P.L.2003, c.162, and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant thereto, and the provisions of the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act or the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, as appropriate.

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9. The Department of Environmental Protection shall provide general technical assistance to any project sponsor requesting assistance regarding environmental infrastructure project development or applications for funds for a project.

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33 10. a. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving 34 Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any 35 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to 36 the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of 37 section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 38 39 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the Drinking Water 40 State Revolving Fund, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater 41 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund" 42 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, prior to 43 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater 44 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of 45 P.L.2003, c.162, or prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund" 46 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, 47 repayments of loans made pursuant to these acts may be utilized by 48 the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to

- **S3820** CODEY 1 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), as amended 2 supplemented by P.L.1997, c.224, under terms and conditions 3 established by the commissioner and trust, and approved by the 4 State Treasurer, and consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, 5 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) and federal tax, environmental or 6 securities law, to the extent necessary to secure repayment of trust 7 bonds issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L. 8 (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 3819 of 2019 9 and Assembly Bill No. 5456 of 2019), and to secure the 10 administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5) by the project sponsors 11 12 receiving trust loans. 13 b. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund 14 pursuant to section 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory 15 and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to the 16 "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 17 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater 18 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund" 19 20 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, prior to 21 repayment to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, prior to 22 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater 23 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of 24 P.L.2003, c.162, or prior to repayment to the "Stormwater 25 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, the trust 26 27 is further authorized to utilize repayments of loans made pursuant to 28 P.L.1989, c.189, P.L.1990, c.99, P.L.1991, c.325, P.L.1992, c.38, 29 P.L.1993, c.193, P.L.1994, c.106, P.L.1995, c.219, P.L.1996, c.85, 30 P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, 31 P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70, P.L.2003, c.158, P.L.2004, c.109, 32 P.L.2005, c.196, P.L.2006, c.68, P.L.2007, c.139, P.L.2008, c.68, 33 P.L.2009, c.102, P.L.2010, c.63, P.L.2011, c.93, P.L.2012, c.43, P.L.2013, c.95, P.L.2014, c.25, P.L.2015, c.108, P.L.2016, c.32, P.L.2017, c.143, as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, P.L.2018, c.85, as
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- 36 amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, or P.L.
- 37 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), to secure repayment
- 38 of trust bonds issued to finance loans approved pursuant to
- 39 P.L.1995, c.218, P.L.1996, c.87, P.L.1997, c.222, P.L.1998, c.85,
- 40 P.L.1999, c.173, P.L.2000, c.93, P.L.2001, c.224, P.L.2002, c.71,
- 41 P.L.2003, c.159, P.L.2004, c.110, P.L.2005, c.197, P.L.2006, c.67,
- 42 P.L.2007, c.140, P.L.2008, c.67, P.L.2009, c.101, P.L.2010, c.62,
- 43 P.L.2011, c.95, P.L.2012, c.38, P.L.2013, c.94, P.L.2014, c.26,
- 44 P.L.2015, c.107, P.L.2016, c.31, P.L.2017, c.142, as amended by
- 45 P.L.2017, c.327, P.L.2018, c.84 as amended by P.L.2019, c.30, or 46
- P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 3819 of 47 2019 and Assembly Bill No. 5456 of 2019), and to secure the
- 48 administrative fees payable to the trust under these loans pursuant
- 49 to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

To the extent that any loan repayment sums are used to satisfy any trust bond repayment or administrative fee payment deficiencies, the trust shall repay such sums to the department for deposit into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund," or the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," as appropriate, from amounts received by or on behalf of the trust from project sponsors causing any such deficiency.

11. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized to enter into capitalization grant agreements as may be required pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, or the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

12. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) from repayments of loans and interest deposited in any account, on or before June 30, 2019, including the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund," or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as appropriate, and from any net earnings received from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums as the chairman of the trust shall certify to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).

13. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), funds from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, Pub.L.113-2, deposited in any account including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the "Water Supply Fund," or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as appropriate, and from any net earnings received from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums as the chairman of the trust certifies to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).

14. This act shall take effect immediately.

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This bill appropriates certain federal and State moneys to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the purpose of implementing the State Fiscal Year 2020 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP), which is expected to finance approximately \$655.04 million in Storm Sandy and other environmental infrastructure projects for State Fiscal Year 2020.

Under the bill, approximately \$12 million will be available for principal forgiveness loans of up to \$3 million for combined sewer overflow (CSO) projects with a focus on green technology (e.g., green roofs, rain gardens, porous pavement, and other activities that maintain and restore natural hydrology). For these CSO projects, 50 percent of the fund loan will be forgiven, 25 percent of the loan will be a zero-interest rate fund loan, and 25 percent of the loan will be a New Jersey Infrastructure Bank ("trust") market rate loan. For project costs greater than \$6 million up to \$10 million, 75 percent of the loan will be a zero-interest rate fund loan and 25 percent of the loan will be a trust market rate loan. In addition, a maximum of \$10 million in principal forgiveness loans up to \$1 million per borrower will be allocated to communities sponsoring construction projects that reduce or eliminate discharges from CSO outfalls that do not utilize green technology. Similar to the terms for CSO projects utilizing green technology, 50 percent of the fund loan will be forgiven, 25 percent of the loan will be a zero-interest rate fund loan, and 25 percent of the loan will be a trust market rate loan. For project costs greater than \$2 million up to \$10 million, 75 percent of the loan will be a zero-interest rate fund loan and 25 percent of the loan will be a trust market rate loan. For all CSO project amounts in excess of \$10 million, 50 percent of the loan will be a zero interest rate loan and 50 percent of the loan will be a trust market rate loan. Principal forgiveness will be available to the highest ranked CSO projects and will be awarded according to the DEP's ranking methodology based on each project's relative water quality benefit and project readiness.

Approximately \$6 million will be available for principal forgiveness loans for stormwater runoff mitigation environmental infrastructure projects in the Barnegat Bay Watershed to continue addressing the critical water quality issues confronting this waterbody, of which 25 percent will be subject to principal forgiveness in an amount not to exceed \$2 million of principal forgiveness per project sponsor.

To the extent funds are available, a maximum of \$1.5 million in principal forgiveness loans will be available to finance the development of asset management plans for systems serving populations up to 10,000 residents of which 100 percent will be

subject to principal forgiveness in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per project sponsor.

A maximum of \$4 million in principal forgiveness loans will be available to drinking water systems for improvements to water supply systems serving populations of up to 10,000 people, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, and may not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$1 million per project sponsor. To the extent funds are available, a maximum of \$30 million of principal forgiveness loans will be available for drinking water systems serving communities with a weighted median household income less than the median household income for the county in which they are located for lead service line replacement. The amount of a principal forgiveness loan would not exceed 90 percent of the total fund loan amount of \$1 million per project sponsor for systems serving populations less than 10,000, \$5 million per project sponsor for water systems serving populations between 10,000 and 100,000, and \$10 million per project sponsor for water systems serving populations greater than 100,000.

Disaster Relief Emergency Financing Program loans will continue to be available for short-term financing for projects to repair or improve the resiliency of environmental infrastructure systems adversely impacted by Storm Sandy. The source of funds for such loans is currently repayments of prior NJEIFP loans and trust operating funds, but private bank financing for such loans may be used as the need arises. Finally, short-term Interim Financing Program (IFP) loans will be available for projects approved to receive long-term financing. IFP loans will be available upon project certification by the DEP, and satisfaction of financial eligibility requirements. The loans will finance costs disbursed prior to long-term financing. The source of funds for such loans include prior capitalization grants, NJEIFP loan repayments, prior State bond acts, and interest earnings thereon.

The DEP would use the funds appropriated under this bill to make zero-interest loans to local governments and privately-owned water companies (project sponsors) for between 25 percent and 75 percent of project costs totaling: (1) \$387.34 million for new clean water projects included in the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2020 Clean Water Project Eligibility List," and \$700,000 for one clean water project through supplemental zero interest loans to a project sponsor that had previously received a loan, subject to the availability of funds; and (2) \$267 million for new drinking water projects included in the "State Fiscal Year 2020 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List." The supplemental loan constitutes the difference between the allowable loan amount required by the project and the loan amount certified by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in State Fiscal Year 2020. The bill authorizes the DEP to issue loans up to 100 percent of the total

allowable loan amount: (1) for clean water loans to municipalities that do not satisfy the trust credit policy, but are subject to State financial supervision and oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.); (2) for clean water and drinking water loans to county or regional sewerage or utility authorities that do not satisfy the trust's credit policy, but where the municipal participant via its service agreement with the authority is under State financial supervision and oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.) and the repayment obligation of the authority remains secured by the full faith and credit of the participating municipality pursuant to its service agreement with the municipality; (3) for clean water project and drinking water project loans to municipalities receiving funding under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR); and (4) for loans to clean water or drinking water systems serving 10,000 or fewer residents the DEP allowable loan amount will be 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount not to exceed a total of \$100,000 per project sponsor.

A companion bill, Senate Bill No. 3819 of 2019, would authorize the trust to make market rate loans to project sponsors for between 25 percent and 75 percent of project costs for the clean water and drinking water projects mentioned above. Under this bill, together with Senate Bill No. 3819 of 2019, the NJEIFP would finance \$655.04 million in environmental infrastructure projects for State Fiscal Year 2020, subject to the availability of funds. Funding sources for the loans include federal capitalization grants, State bond issue proceeds, State match, various prior legislative appropriations, loan repayments, interest earnings, and market rate loans made by the trust.

Finally, the bill would appropriate to the trust, from repayments of loans, interest payments, certain federal funds, and any earnings received from the investment of those funds, such amounts as the chairman of the trust certifies are necessary for deposit into one or more reserve funds established by the trust.